Pak Arms to Punjab terrorists

2388. SHRI M. A. BABY:
SHRI MOHAMMED AMIN:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that arms are being supplied to the terrorists of Punjab by Pakistan; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Government are aware that arms and ammunition are being supplied to hte terrorists of Punjab by Pakistan. However, the exact number of arms and ammunition being supplied to them by Pakistan is not known.

Insurance premium for fishing boats

2389. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding scuttling of a large fishing trawler in Calcutta area, so as to obtain insurance claim; and

(b) if so, what steps Government have taken to prevent such fraud so as to ensure that premium of insurance is not raised for small fishing units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) All claims are surveyed and properly investigated by the Insurance Companies before the decision is taken as to their final disposal. The case involved in the above complaint is also under investigation.

Death of a Prisoners in Tihar Jail

2390. DR. G. VIJAYA MOHAN REDDY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a prisoner died in Tihar Jail, Delhi due to negligence as reported in the Indian Express of the 7th July, 1988 and if so, the details thereof and the corrective steps and action taken in the matter; and

(b) whether any high level inquiry was ordered into the matter and if so, the details and findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SANTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) and (b) One prisoner Uttam Singh S/o Mangal Singh died on 3rd July, 1988. No negligence regarding the death of the said prisoner could be attributed to the Jail administration. An inquest under Section 176 Cr. P.C. has, however, been entrusted to the Sub-Divisional Magistrate, Punjabi Bagh.

Agitation by the leaders of Chipko Movement against the construction of big dams

2391. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether leaders of the Chipko movement have invigorated their struggle against big dams in different parts of the country;

(b) if so, what are their latest demands; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The issues arising out of construction of big dams were discussed in a meeting in July, 1988 by Baba Amte and leaders of the Chipko Movement and their main demands include: